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SUBJECT: CGTP PROTEST STRIKE

REF: LIMA 10431, LIMA 10608

1. AS SCHEDULED, COMMUNIST-LED CGTP MOUNTED A SUCCESSFUL 24-HOUR PROTEST STRIKE IN THE LIMA/CALLAO AREA DECEMBER 29. OSTENSIBLE MOTIVE FOR STRIKE WAS AS DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS DISMISSED FROM A SHOE/PLASTICS FACTORY.

2. CGTP CLAIMED DECEMBER 30 THAT 180,000 WORKERS HAD GONE OUT. WHILE THIS ESTIMATE IS UNDOUBTEDLY HIGH, THERE WAS WIDE PARTICIPATION BY CGTP AFFILIATES AND OTHER SYMPATHETIC WORKERS. ALL BANKS WERE CLOSED, MANY FACTORIES, AND THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE HAD TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES AT LIMA AIRPORT. SOME WORKERS MARCHES, WHICH REQUIRE PERMITS AND WERE NOT AUTHORIZED, WERE BROKEN UP BY POLICE. AS RESULT OF CLASHES, TWELVE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, ACCORDING TO CTP COURCES.

3. THE GOVERNMENT-DOMINATED CTRP DENOUNCED THW WORK
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STOPPAGE. TRANSPORTATION WORKERS DID NOT STRIKE, AS

CGTP HAD OBVIOUSLY HOPED THEY WOULD. INTERIOR MINISTER SAID STRIKE WAS DESIGNED TO UPSET AND DAMAGE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY. HE WANTED THE GOP HAS THE MEANS AND WILL TO DEAL WITH LABOR UNREST.

4. COMMENT: ASIDE FROM ITS SUCCESS IN SHOWING WORKER DISCONTENT AND CGTP STRENGTH, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STRIKE IS THAT IT WAS THE FIRST DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THIS MOSCOW-LINE LABOR CONFEDERATION AND THE GOP. WE ANTICIPATE THAT PERUVIAN LABOR TROUBLES WILL CONTINUE AND BELIEVE THE CGTP NATIONALLY MAY INCREASINGLY TAKE ANTI-GOVERNMENT STANDS.
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